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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: RAJARAJAN et al.  
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FOR: INCREMENTAL AND INTERRUPTIBLE  
LAYOUT OF VISUAL MODELING ELEMENTS

EXAMINER: KE, P.  
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**Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is a response to the Office action dated October 3, 2003 (hereinafter "the Office action"). Please consider the following amendments and appended remarks, which applicants submit places the case in condition for allowance.